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REF: (A) DHAHRAN 1008, (B) MANAMA 1174 (C) SEOUL 6284

1. PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFS A AND B RELATING TO PUBLIC REACTION TO KOREAN LABORERS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN DO NOT EXIST IN UAE. WE SHOULD HASTEN TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT NOT MUCH SHOULD BE MADE OF THIS DIFFERENCE. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ONLY KOREAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN UAE IS BUILDING OF SECOND BRIDGE FROM ABU DHABI ISLAND TO MAINLAND. SINCE BRIDGE LOCATED AT UNPOPULATED END OF ISLAND TO WHICH ROAD NETWORK NOT YET EXTENDED, KOREANS GENERALLY NOT IN PUBLIC EYE. THIS ALL THE V43 SO IN THAT THEY APPEAR TO STAY VIRTUALLY EXCLUSIVELY IN THEIR CAMP, ESCHEWING THE ADMITTEDLY RATHER LIMITED ATTRACTIONS OF DOWNTOWN ABU DHABI.

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2. IN SHORT, SITUATION DESCRIBED REFS A AND B HAS SIMPLY

NOT ARISEN ORE AS YET. FOR PRESENT, KOREANS WILL BE
JUDGED STRICTLY ON MANNER IN WHICH THEY PERFORM JOB AT
HAND. SHOULD GOOD PERFORMWNCE LEAD TO FURTHER
CONTRACTS (AND THEY ARE ALREADY BIDDING ON SOME) AND
GREATER KOREAN PRESENCE, SITUATION MAY CHANGE. BUT
PERHAPS IN THAT EVENT, KOREAN IMAGE HERE WILL BENEFIT
FROM EXPERIENCE GAINED UP THE GULF.
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